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[Despatch Abstract.]

DRUGS - Testing of drugs on behalf of Commercial Firms - Position - Explained to the Government of India.

No.F.7-25/48.D.
Government of India.
Ministry of Health.

From New Delhi, the 28th July 1948.

J.N.Saksena, Esquire, B.A.,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department, Madras.

Subject: TESTING OF DRUGS ON BEHALF OF COMMERCIAL FIRMS.

Sir,

I am directed to say that reports have been received from various commercial establishments that their requests for the testing of their products, e.g. for biological assay of non-injectable solution of Adrenaline Hydrochloride, R.W.. Coefficient tests etc., are not being complied with by the Director of the King Institute, Guindy on the ground that his laboratory is not organised to under-take the work. In this connection I am to say that the late Biochemical Standard-isation Laboratory, Calcutta, was providing facilities to the trade for the testing of their products, Since the conversion of that Laboratory into the Central Drugs Laboratory, however these facilities have been withdrawn as it is undesirable for it to undertake commercial testing, being the highest reference under the Drugs Act in disputes relating to the composition of drugs. In consequence the trade is now put to great hardships in getting their products tested the more so as the Provincial Laboratories have been refusing to undertake the work. The trade has already a proposal for the establishment of a laboratory where testing of samples on behalf of private firms could be carried out and the Central Government has promised to help in this project. Until such laboratory is established by the trade it is desirable that the provincial laboratories established for the testing of products under the Drugs Act, 1940, should undertake the work for manufacturers and the trade, on payment of the prescribed fees vide schedule B to the Drugs Rules. I am, therefore, to request that if the Provincial Government see no objection the Director, King Institute, Guindy be instructed to undertake testing of products on behalf of commercial firms till the Industry is able to make its own arrangements for the establishment of laboratory for this purpose.

Yours faithfully,

Sd. J.N.Saksena,
Assistant Secretary.

p.t.o.

Copy of letter No.2264/Drugs/48,dated 14-9-48 from the Director, King Institute, Guindy, to the Surgeon General with the Govt.of Madras.

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Sir,

Ref: Your Memo. Ref.No.60945-D/48 dated 8-9-48.

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I have to state that as the Department of Biological Control is not fully equipped with the necessary apparatus and other facilities, Biological assay of drugs is not undertaken at present.

As regards Rideal Walker tests, they are conducted in the institute, a copy of the remarks made by the officer-in-charge, Public Health Section where the test and other tests have been carried out for over 25 years is enclosed herewith for your information.

Sd. x x x
Asst. Director.
Officer-in-charge,Biological Control
for Director.

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* Copy of remarks made by the Officer-in-charge (Senior Public Health Asst.) King Institute, Guindy.

The reference in the letter to the non-compliance of requests for Rideal Walker tests on disinfectants at the King Institute is not correct. In my experience of 25 years, we have never refused to undertake this test on behalf of private parties whenever we are called upon for the same. In fact a large number of tests have been carried out in recent years on behalf of private firms from our province and even from other provinces like Behar etc., Ceylond firms sent many samples for Rideal Walker tests and these were done.

In additional to the Rideal Walker tests on disinfectants some special tests like the Crown Agents Test, British Admirality test etc were also carried out at the special request of parties. Thus there is no basis for the complaint now made.

Sd. x x x x
Asst.Director.

/True copy/

Sd. N.Rajamanickam,
for Surgeon General with the
Government of Madras.

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p.t.o.

Education & Public Health Department.

Letter/Ms.No.3429-P.H.,dated 13-10-48.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Health,
New Delhi.(with enclosure).

Sir,

TESTING OF DRUGS ON BEHALF OF COMMERCIAL FIRMS.

With reference to the Government of India's letter No. F.7-25/48.D dated the 28th July, 1948 on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to state that the Department of Biological Control in the King Institute, Guindy, is not fully equipped with the necessary apparatus and other facilities for undertaking biological assay of drugs at present. Rideal walker tests are however, conducted in the Institute on behalf of private parties also. In these connection, I am to enclose a copy of the letter No. 2264 Drugs/48 dated 14-9-48 from the Director, King Institute, Guindy for the information of the Government of India.

Yours faithfully,
Sd. x x x
Secy.to Government.

Copy to the Surgeon General with reference to his letter R.No. 60495-D/48.

No.F.7-25/48-D. Government of India,Ministry of Health,
From New Delhi,the 11th August 1949.

J.N-Saksena,Esquire,B.A.,
Under Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,Madras.

Sub: Testing of drugs on behalf of commercial firms.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your reply to this Ministry's letter No.F.7-25/48-D,dated the 28th July 1948, on the subject mentioned above and to say that representations have been received from the trade that adequate facilities did not exist in the country for the testing of drugs on behalf of commercial firms. The trade have been repeatedly pressing the Central Government to allow the Central Drugs Laboratory to undertake testing work on their behalf. This request cannot be acceded to because the Central Drugs Laboratory is the final referee in disputes regarding composition of drugs. In the interest of "drug standard control", it will be very desirable to provide necessary facilities to the trade in this respect as far as possible. I am therefore to request the Provincial Government kindly to expedite arrangements for biological testing at the King Institute and extend as far as possible, facilities for testing work to the firms in India, who may approach the Director of the Institute for this purpose.

Yours faithfully,

Sd. F.N.Saksena,
Under Secretary.

p.t.o.

Letter/Ref. No.61948-E.2/49-2-P.H. dated 19-10-49.

To

The Under-Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Health,
New Delhi,

Sir,

Testing of drugs on behalf of Commercial Firms.

With reference to your letter No.F.7-25/48-D, dated the 11th August, 1949 on the above subject, I am directed to say that facilities for the testing of biological products on behalf of commercial firms are very limited at the King Institute, Guindy and are not of rapid expansions. There is however, no objection to undertaking tests on a limited scale on behalf of private manufacturers in respect of the following products referred to in the Drugs Rules:--

Schedule C: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12 and 13.Streptomycin also may be assayed.

chedule C(1): 1, 2 and 5 (Vitamins B and C only)

Yours faithfully,

Sd. x x x
Secy.to Government.

Copy to the Surgeon General
with reference to his letter
No.-P.47-Drugs- P.47-D.49dt. 27-9-49.

p.t.o.

No.F.7-25/48-D.
Government of India.
Ministry of Health.

New Delhi, the 8th November 1949.

From

J.N.Saksena, Esquire, B.A.,
Under Secretary to the Government of India,

To

(All Provincial Governments)
(Except Bombay & Madras).

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Subject:- Testing of drugs on behalf of commercial firms.

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's endorsement No.F.7-28/48-D, dated the 11th August, 1949, on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to say that the Governments of Bombay and Madras have since intimated that it will not be possible for the Haffkine Institute Bombay and the King Institute, Guindy to undertake biological testing on behalf of the commercial firms for the present. It will however, be possible for the latter institute to undertake tests on a limited scale on behalf of private manufacturers in respect of the following products referred to in the Drugs Rules.

Schedule C: Nos.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, and 13. Streptomycin also may be assayed.

Schedule C (1): 1, 2, and 5 (Vitamins B and C only).

Yours faithfully,

Sd. (J.N.Saksena).
Under Secretary.

No. F.7-25/48-D.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Bombay, Madras for information with reference to their letter No. 4121/33/37363-H, dated the 24th October, 1949, No.61948-E.2/49-2-PH, dated the 19th October, 1949.

By Order,

Sdd F.N.Saksena,
Under Secretary.

/True copy/

Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

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